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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PETROLEUM CONCESSIONS IN THE SPRATLY AREAS

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1. EA IS CURRENTLY CONSIDERING THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE POLICY REGARDING OIL EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES WHICH WE HAVE FOLLOWED IN THE TAIWAN STRAITS, THE YELLOW SEA AND THE EAST CHINA SEA IS APPROPRIATE FOR OTHER DISPUTED WATERS IN THE EAST ASIA AREA.

2. PENDING SUCH FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS EMBASSY SHOULD RESPOND TO INQUIRIES WHICH MAY BE RECEIVED FROM US OIL COMPANIES AS FOLLOWS: USG TAKES NO POSITION ON THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THESE DISPUTED ISLANDS. THE PRC, THE ROC, THE VIETNAMESE AND THE GOP HAVE ADVANCED CLAIMS AND/OR ESTABLISHED
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OFFICIAL FOOTHOLDS IN THE AREA. THUS IT APPEARS TO REMAIN A HIGH-RISK AREA FOR COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES. THEREFORE, WE ADVISE AGAINST THE PARTICIPATION OF AMERICAN FIRMS IN OIL EXPLORATION IN THIS AREA.

3. IN THE EVENT THE EMBASSY DOES RECEIVE INQUIRIES FROM
OIL COMPANIES THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE ADVISED IMMEDIATELY.
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